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Quick Facts

- Ty Robbins, a senior environmental sciences major from Clemson, South Carolina, and Allyssa Calderhead, a senior environmental studies major living in Fort Mill, are the first two Dalton Scholarship recipients.
- In other environmental news, Winthrop's first Spencer Fellow is Jaime Taylor, an environmental sciences major who will work this summer on a research project with Scott Werts, associate professor in geology.



Ty Robbins

ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA - With its first two recipients identified, Winthrop's **Dalton Environmental Scholarship** will begin changing the lives of Winthrop students this fall.

Ty Robbins, a senior environmental sciences major from Clemson, South Carolina, graduating in December, will use the scholarship for his final semester at Winthrop. Driven by a desire to reduce ecological stresses on people and ecosystems alike, Robbins hopes to pursue career opportunities in experimental agriculture, possibly in Orlando, Florida, as arable land becomes less available and food needs increase with population growth. Both of Robbins' parents are Winthrop graduates.



Allyssa Calderhead

Allyssa Calderhead, a senior environmental studies major living in Fort Mill, will use the scholarship for the 2017-18 academic year. She is a non-traditional student completing her degree while working with Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) designs at an engineering firm in Charlotte. Upon graduation next year, Calderhead wants to continue her studies with a master's degree in city planning. She is committed to using her voice in local industry to help create greater efficiency in building systems.



Jaime Taylor

Both of these seniors are excellent choices for Winthrop's inaugural **Dalton Environmental Scholarship**, said **David Meeler**, an associate professor and the **Dalton Chair of environmental sciences and environmental studies**.

The scholarships are among several gifts from **Harry Dalton '86** and his late wife, **Becca Dalton**. The Rock Hill couple has been long-time supporters of Winthrop and particularly the environmental sciences and environmental studies programs, having established the Dalton Chair and launched Winthrop's environmental programs in 2001.

Their most recent gift created an endowment in 2017 to support scholarships for environmental science or environmental studies majors.

Another donation to Winthrop in 2017 is having an impact on environmentally minded students. The gift came from the estate of **Margaret Spencer**, the mother of **Marsha Bollinger**, a Winthrop professor of geology and former Dalton Chair. It established the Spencer Summer Undergraduate Fellowship to help rising juniors or seniors majoring in environmental sciences or environmental studies to engage in a summer project.

Winthrop's first **Spencer Fellow** is **Jaime Taylor**, an environmental sciences major, who will work this summer on a research project with **Scott Werts**, associate professor in geology. The two will

analyze the quality of compost produced from Winthrop’s food waste and compare the effectiveness of fertilizers from compost generated on campus to traditional fertilizers.

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